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SUBJECT: PAKS AND NON-ALIGNED

1. DURING BRIEF MEETING JUNE 16, DE FACTO FONMIN AGHA SHAHI TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO TELL AMB. HUMMEL OF GOP RECENT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT GAINING OBSERVER STATUS IN NON-ALIGNED GROUP. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO A NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED FONMINS ALONG LINES PAKISTAN HAS USED BEFORE, TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO PAKISTAN. CUBA AND INDIA HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL MEMBERS IN VOCAL OPPOSITION. HE HAD SEEN CUBAN VICE FONMIN AND ALSO AN IRAQI REPRESENTATIVE, AND BOTH HAD BEEN QUITE NEGATIVE, ASSERTING THAT OBSERVERS SHOULD MEET SAME CRITERIA AS MEMBERS, AND PAKISTAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN CENTO DISQUALIFIED IT. HOWEVER SHAHI BELIEVED THAT MOST MEMBERS, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, FAVORED GIVING OBSERVER STATUS. HE HAD INTENDED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH INDIAN FONMIN VAJPAYEE, BUT THEIR MEETING WAS TOO BRIEF AND CENTERED ON OTHER MATTERS, SO HE HAD ASKED PAK PERMREP AMB. AKHUND TO DO SO.

2. MEANWHILE, INDIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED FROM N.Y. THAT PAKISTAN IS ENGAGED IN BLACKMAILING THE USG BY THREATS OF
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LEAVING CENTO AND JOINING NON-ALIGNED IN EFFORT TO GET USG TO SELL A-7 AIRCRAFT. SHAHI SAID HE WANTED USG TO KNOW THAT ALL PERSONS HE TALKED TO ABOUT NON-ALIGNED OBSERVER STATUS HAVE DENIED BEING THE SOURCE OF THIS DAMAGING AND UNTRUE ALLEGATION, AND THAT HE HAD NOT MENTIONED A-7'S, MUCH LESS BLACKMAIL, IN ANY OF HIS CONVERSATIONS. SHAHI SAID HE HAS CALLED IN INDIAN

AMB. HERE AND URGED HIM NOT TO REVERT TO OLD STYLE OF
MANUFACTURING UNTRUE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PAKISTAN. HUMMEL

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